

TRIBUTE TO THE CENTER FOR
YOUTH CITIZENSHIP FOR SERV-
ING THE SACRAMENTO REGION

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 8, 2004

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to an organization with a great record of service to the Sacramento Region. For the past two decades, the Center for Youth Citizenship has worked tirelessly and successfully to enhance the significance of citizenship and the importance of our laws and institutions to the young people of the local region. I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting the Center for Youth Citizenship (CYC), one of Sacramento's most important and respected community organizations.

Founded in 1984, the Center for Youth Citizenship has sought to have young people respect one another, our institutions, and laws; have a working understanding of citizenship, its requirements and responsibilities; appreciate the foundation and privileges of democracy; and have the skills and character to be engaged and informed participants in everyday community matters. To achieve these goals, CYC has worked with a diverse group of school and community partners on award winning and recognized school and community programs such as the Gordon D. Schaber Mock trial & Moot Court Competition, Laws for Youth and Families, and California Conflict Resolution and Youth Meditation Project.

Through its partnerships with a broad-based group of government, business and education leaders, CYC has recently initiated the program, With Liberty and Justice for All, designed to connect the generations and groups in the local communities and recommit to the collective pursuit of equity, justice, and character.

In recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education decision, CYC, on April 22, 2004, in partnership with the California and Sacramento County Bar Association, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., 100 Black Men of Sacramento and the Sacramento County Office of Education, along with various school districts and organizations, came together to commemorate the historic anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision by bringing students together with corporate, community, and education leaders to view the highlights of the Emmy Award winning film, Separate but Equal. This unique and important educational experience was made possible by CYC's program model, With Liberty & Justice for All and the hard work and dedication of the entire CYC staff.

CYC has worked diligently with Sacramento County of Education; San Juan Unified School District, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, California Department of Education, California Teachers Association and various school districts and organizations to make local school board members, administrators and teachers aware of the Brown v. Board of Education 50th Anniversary. Through the great work of the CYC staff, many school board adopted resolutions and conducted student events to recognize the important Supreme Court decision.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Center for Youth Citizenship. I would like

to especially thank CYC's Executive Director, Dr. Joe Maloney, and his great staff for their commitment and hard work. I am confident that the Center for Youth Citizenship will continue to yield tremendous benefits for the people of Sacramento. I ask all my colleagues to join with me in wishing the Center for Youth Citizenship continued success in all its future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MILES CONRAD
OWENS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of the members of the United Auto Workers (UAW) International Union and UAW local 651 to pay tribute to Miles Conrad Owens who is retiring from the position of UAW International Union Staff Representative.

Miles Owens was born October 19, 1942 in Cairo, Illinois. He graduated with honors from Beecher High School in 1960. Upon graduation he enrolled at the General Motors Institute (GMI), located in Flint, Michigan. With his enrollment came employment within GM's Flint Assembly Plant. Miles studied at GMI until he transferred in 1962 to Mott Community College. He graduated from Mott College in 1967. While studying at Mott he acquired a position with A.C. Spark Plug as an experimental model-maker apprentice and journeyman.

Miles' career within the UAW began in 1962 as a member of UAW Local 651. As a member of the union he held positions as an alternate, district, and shop committeeman from 1968–1981. In 1981 he was elected President, and in 1983 he attained the appointed staff representative position with the UAW International Union, from which he will retire on July 31, 2004. Miles is a strong positive role model for his fellow members and the community. Throughout his career he has made significant, long-term contributions to improving the lives and working conditions of the men and women who build America's automobiles.

In addition to being a strong leader amongst the workforce, Miles is a member of several community boards and organizations. He serves with the Flushing Board of Education, United Way, American Heart Association, Boy Scouts of America, Insight, Greater Flint Health Coalition, and Hurley Hospital HHS Board to just name a few. Miles has achieved much in his lifetime. Some of those milestones include, but not limited to, Explorer Scout, Representative of the Decade from 1960–1970 in the Decades of Education Ceremony for Beecher High School, recipient of the Walter Reuther Award, selected to hold the post of Worshipful Master of Flushing Masonic Lodge #225 in 1991, attained the title of 32nd Degree Mason, and is a member of the Shriners.

Miles is also a devoted husband to his loving wife Shirley Ann and supportive father to their wonderful son Miles.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, I consider it my duty and my privilege to protect and defend human dignity and the quality of life for our citizens. I am extremely grateful to have a person like Miles Conrad Owens who shares these beliefs, and has made it his life's

work to see this task achieved. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in congratulating Miles, and wishing him the best in future endeavors.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE COMMUNITY RE-
SOURCES FOR INDEPENDENT
LIVING

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) headquartered in Hayward, California. CRIL has been providing exemplary services to individuals with disabilities for the past 25 years.

This outstanding organization was inspired by a group of individuals' awareness of the diverse unmet need for services in their communities to assist the disabled. Through the work of such individuals as longtime Executive Director Johnnie Lacy, CRIL was able to establish itself by occupying and purchasing its own office building in Hayward, California in 1979. Since then, CRIL has expanded its presence by opening its Tri-Cities office in Fremont and its Tri-Valley office in Livermore.

In the years since its founding, CRIL has helped to represent the disabled community by advocating tirelessly for both their rights and needs. As a result, they have helped to eliminate societal barriers to participation, empowerment, and independent living. CRIL has also taken a central role in co-sponsoring the creation of housing for people with disabilities. In particular, CRIL is responsible for the creation of the Olive Tree Plaza and EC Magnolia Court Apartments in Hayward and the Redwood Lodge in Fremont.

For over two decades, CRIL has become a resource for thousands with disabilities. It is my honor to recognize their tireless commitment and hard work to the disabled community and I am confident CRIL will continue to make a positive difference in the lives of the disabled population for years to come.

I join the community in expressing my good wishes to CRIL on its 25th anniversary and sending best wishes for continued success.

HONORING STANLEY W.
ROSENKRANZ

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Stanley W. Rosenkranz, a remarkably accomplished and generous citizen whose dedication to his profession, faith and family earned him the respect of the Tampa Bay community.

Stanley always strived for excellence. After becoming a CPA and serving in the Army, he went on to graduate Cum Laude from the University of Florida Law School and first in his class from the New York University's Masters in Law, LL.M. program. Stanley was extremely supportive of the University of Florida, and its football team, through all his years.